neconomic. IDBI had also found a considerable gap in financing. In view of this, the Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd. had been asked to examine the possibility of implementing the down-stream project in the first phase. No final reply has so far been received to this suggestion from the company. No re-examination of the financial and other aspects has, therefore, taken place.

Foreign assistance for Tamil Nadu during President's Rule

1636. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of Government to Government foreign assistance committed to Tamil Nadu after the imposition of the President's Rule there; and

(b) how does such commitment compare with that of similar assistance in each of the five years prior to the President's Rule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Total foreign assistance committed to Tamil Nadu is as below:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Multilateral	Bilateral
1983 . . .	Nil	15 33
1984 . . .	151.20	24.00
1985 . . .	Nil	Nil
1986 . . .	Nil	6.00
1987 . . .	358.47	2 14
1988 . . .	491 90	112 75

Controlling of 'Green House Effect'

1637. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the so called "green house effect" is causing great concern all over the world as it is disturbing the atmosphere around our planet;

(b) if so, what is the policy of Government in this regard and what programme is being implemented to tackle the problem; and

(c) what specific steps are being taken to prevent damage to ozone on account of chemical pollution from our planet?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The green house effect is caused by increase in the amount of certain gases in the tropesphere mainly due to emissions from burning of fossil fuel, use of chlorofluorocarbons and certain types of industrial activities and also due to increasing deforestation in the world. The policy of the Government is to urge coordinated international action to restrict the build up of green house gases through stricter emission control's, energy conservation, use of alternative and renewable sources of energy and increased afforestation. India has programmes in each of these areas.

(c) The damage to ozone layer occurs due to chloroflurocarbons used in certain industrial activities. India produces and consumes an insignificant amount of these chemicals, about 5000 tonnes, compared to the consumption of more than a million tonnes in the developed countries. A protocol to restrict the production and consumption of these chemicals in the world has been arrived at a meeting held by the United Nations Enivornment Programme at Montreal in September

1987. Seven countries have subscribed to this protocol upto the end of August, 1988. India is examining the question of joining this protocol.

Repatriation by companies under FERA

1638. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the effect of Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973 on foreign companies in India in terms of repatriation of dividends and other funds;

(b) whether FERA has fulfilled its objective of containing outflow of foreign exchange through foreign companies operating in India; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating and major modifications in FERA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(c) No, Sir.

Export of cotton

1639. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any limit fixed for the export of cotton yarn;

(b) what is the quantity and value of cotton yarn exported during 1987-88; and

(c) what is the expectation during 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) A Statement is attached. [*See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 76].

Protest by spinning mills regarding polyester fibre prices

1640. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the spinning mills have protested to the Central Government regarding polyester fibre prices; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Representations have been received from organisations like Indian Cotton Mills Federation, Indian Spinners Association, etc. regarding increase in the prices of polyester staple fibre.

(b) It has been re-emphasised to the Industry that benefits of duty reduction given to the Industry have to be passed on down to the next consumer in line.

Loan melas

1641. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of loan disbursed so far through loan melas; and

(b) what is the number of persons benefited thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Public Sector Banks have been organising credit camps at their own initiative as a part of the overall measures taken by them to improve the flow of credit to weaker sections. Central monitoring of credit camps is considered to be neither feasible nor necessary and, therefore, it is not possible to give the quantum of loan disbursed and persons benefited through such camps.